(c) whether Government of Bihar has intimated the Centre about its status, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The estimate for procurement of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) in Bihar in Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2005-06 is 10 lakh tonnes.

(b) Food Corporation of India (FCI) has opened 112 purchase centres in Bihar during the current KMS.

(c) The Government of Bihar have informed that upto 8.3.06 the progressive procurement of paddy/rice in the State is as follows:

(i)	Paddy procurement by	
	State Agencies	4.16 lakh tonnes
	FCI	0.76 lakh tonnes
	TOTAL:	4.92 lakh tonnes
(ii)	Procurement of rice	
	State Agencies	1.76 lakh tonnes
	FCI	0.41 lakh tonnes
	TOTAL:	2.17 lakh tonnes

PDS for Uttaranchal

2444. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the public distribution policy proposed and made applicable by Government in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Government are aware that the corruption is prevailing in various depots of Food Corporation of India in the State;

(c) the complaints received in this behalf during the last three years; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No new Public Distribution

Policy has been proposed or contemplated for the Government of Uttaranchal. The Targetted Public Distribution is applicable in the entire country under which subsidised foodgrains @ 35 kg. per month are made available to all APL/BPL & AAY card holders.

(b) and (c) No complaint on account of corruption prevailing in various depots of Food Corporation of India in the State of Uttaranchal has been received in last three years.

(d) Does not arise.

Sale of wheat and rice at subsidized rates to exporters

2445. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stocks of wheat and rice were sold from Central Pool by FCI to selected exporters at a highly subsidized rate to benefit them during April 2003 to May 2004;

(b) if so, the details of the exporters to whom wheat and rice were sold at highly subsidized rate indicating the rate at which sold;

(c) the countries to which wheat and rice were exported and whether they were disposed off in the local market; and

(d) whether a CBI enquiry was ordered into the matter and if so, whether CBI has given its findings and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) During April 2003 to May 2004, wheat and rice were sold to Central/State PSUs and accredited Private exporters who approached the Food Corporation of India, without making any distinction amongst them.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The countries to which wheat and rice were exported are given in Statement I and II respectively (*See* below).

Few cases of diversion to the local market have come to notice and necessary penal action like encashment of Bank Guarantees recovery of differential amounts and blacklisting of parties were taken against all such cases as per Statement III (*See* below)

(d) CBI has instituted an enquiry in the matter but has not given its findings.